



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday January 13, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George 'Andy' Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver,
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:32

ROLL CALL

Present: M. Petersen, A. Anderson, P. Salvatore, S. Garver
Absent: E. Thomas
Staff: Dennis Speer, Chief R. Strand, K. Harker,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Mr. Petersen made a motion to Place the "Copy of Plan of West Ridgecrest Blvd" to the first agenda item and then Discuss final report. Motion To Approve Agenda as amended Was Made By Mr. Anderson, Seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Table the approval of minutes until next meeting due to incorrect dates and names on the Minutes in the "Approval of Minutes" from November 25, 2013. Karen Harker will check other documents to clarify and bring back and the January 27, 2014 meeting for approval.*

Mr. Garver was able to make it to the meeting at approximately 5:45.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jack Barnwell indicated that the Daily Independent received a new editor.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Copy of Plan of West Ridgecrest Boulevard: City Engineer Loren Culp made a presentation to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee regarding the West Ridgecrest Boulevard Project. Mr. Culp showed the Committee the plans from Mark Thomas Inc. the engineer of record. The Committee discussed the project description from Mahan Avenue to China Lake Boulevard. Mr. Culp discussed the process that will be used in doing the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the roadway and drainage. The committee was concerned about the flooding along West Ridgecrest Boulevard but Mr. Culp indicated that during a major event there will still be flooding but not as much because we have lowering the crown of the

street. Mr. Culp discussed the decorative planters, lighting, and sidewalks throughout the downtown area from Norma Street to Balsam Street. Mr. Speer discussed the medians and how “bulb outs” work. Mr. Speer discussed the medians and how they will provide what is called a pedestrian refuge. This will allow for the pedestrian to cross half way; look in either direction and then proceed to the other side of the street. Loren Culp informed the committee that Willdan Engineering Inc. has been brought on board as the construction management team and that the City is waiting from Caltrans for the E-76 or authorization to construct the project along with the Finance Letter. Once the City receives this document we can go out to advertise the project and accept bids from contractors for construction. We should see construction around April. The City is actually seeing construction now with our utility companies. Most utility companies are now moving utility lines to meet specifications. We will see our optimize paving during the prime season of May through September. Sewer has already been checked with our sewer cameras and the lines are in good condition and do not need to be replaced. All utilities companies have been notified and have been working on that since June. The City will be working with Water Company and Southern California Edison during construction so that they will have access to manholes and utility lines.

- Andy Anderson – base of the road is it used to build stability
- Loren Culp – Full depth reclamation is mixed with cement material to create a base and that can be driven on that day. Geotechnical created a map that showed we have several areas up and down the street that will go from 18” to 24” of base.
- Andy Anderson – what are they doing with traffic?
- Loren Culp – traffic will be able to use area with intermittent detours. The contractor has to provide a detailed traffic control plan that will allow for the area to be open to all traffic and pedestrians for local business.
- Andy Anderson – are they going to limit truck traffic on West Ridgecrest Blvd. once it is finished.
- Dennis Speer- we can use it based on loads. Would still need to have it open for deliveries to businesses? I have been working with the County to move trucks to Bowman Avenue or Downs Avenue. The City Council can designate a Truck Route and have a designated place to go but cannot do it on a State Highway that is determined by Caltrans.
- Andy Anderson – section that concerns me is the China Lake Blvd to Downs Avenue.
- Jerry Taylor – not an STEA truck route. Anything from the County is from Mahan on. Mr. Taylor will forward an email to Mr. Speer regarding County. Thought about a residential approach to the truck route.
- Andy Anderson – the 5.4 million for drainage. How much will it delay the project?
- Loren Culp – The drainage was just a conceptual idea of the Master Drainage Plan. It included parts of West Ridgecrest Blvd but also had areas that went down Norma Avenue to the residential area that parallels West Ridgecrest Blvd so that it ended up near Balsam Street and French Ave.
- Dennis Speer – in the Infrastructure Committee we discuss a design engineer and how much it would be to install in drainage. We had the money in possible TAB funds, but the TAB funds did not get released in time.

- Andy Anderson – it's too late now?
- Jerry Taylor – Discussed the dollar amount about the roadway and the drainage
- Scott Garver – Full run of the street Mahan Ave to S. China Lake Blvd will be the same type of process, the full depth reclamation base with asphalt overlay.
- Loren Culp – surface treatment will be the same
- Scott Garver – any place in town that has this type of treatment so that the committee might be able to go and see what it looks like?
- Dennis Speer – 1st time this type of process has been done in town.
- Scott Garver – Any Measure L Money funding into this project?
- Dennis Speer – FHWA funded this 100%. Design was funded by RDA/TAB
- Scott Garver – signals included in the project
- Dennis Speer – Yes, signals were included in the project. Usually warrant studies have to be done to apply on most signals, but these were just included in the project.
- Michael Petersen – is there a cost difference between the types of pedestrian crosswalks that you are using in this project and the traditional type of crosswalks?
- Loren Culp – I do not have that information. I would have to look that up.

Update and Discuss Final Report: Michael Petersen gave an overview of what has been accomplished since the last meeting. He and Mr. Salvatore met and worked on the graph that shows the Measure L Funds along with the budget from the various departments and how the Measure L Funds affects them. Mr. Petersen needs to work in the historical section. Biggest changes are section III. Overview section of the budget. New table is the 3-2. This table shows all of the Grants that are in the Public Safety Budget. Section 3.8 has a section where information came from. This shows where the information for the report came from. The City vs. CAFR. Mr. Petersen would like to have the committee and members of the public look at the draft Annual Report and come back to the next meeting with updates and revisions. Table 4 is the comments from City Council and citizens. I have a few appendices. One of the appendices is the response letter that we sent to the Mayor.

- **Phil Salvatore** – Tess Sloan sent me the 2013 CAFR and so I need to go through that and get my numbers ready for the report.

Discussion about Grand Jury Recommendation for the City Council to meet with Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee

Mr. Garver discussed the Letter that was written to the Grand Jury Recommendation by Dennis Speer, City Manager. Mr. Garver is wondering why it is not a need and request basis for the City Council to meet with the Committee. Mr. Speer spoke that the committee meets independently and that he meets with the council members. Mr. Speer felt that it was important that the Grand Jury realized that the Committee was an independent committee that meets with staff but that there is someone who does meet with the City Council. Council Members have stated that they would like not to have what transpired a year ago happen again.

Discussion of Invitation to the City Council

- Mr. Anderson - He feels that the City Council should be ask that they backfill the money that was taken from Measure L Funds and have TAB Funds replace those projects
- **Jerry Taylor** – gave a formal Recommendation to the committee that they make a formal request to either the City Manager or the Mayor to have a Joint Session so that can give their Final/Annual Report to the City Council.
- **Phil Salvatore** – would like to have the report done so that we can have the report done along with the 1.5 million. I would request that we ask for the Joint Session on March 19, 2014, of the Ridgecrest City Council along with the Measure L Citizen Oversight Committee
- **Michael Petersen** – I will have the PowerPoint presentation ready by March 10, 2014 so that the Committee can review it and all necessary changes can be made so that it will be ready for the Ridgecrest City Council Meeting on March 19, 2014.

Election of Chair: Per the ordinance, every January, the committee must elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee opened up the floor to nominations and accepted nominations from Committee members. Andy Anderson nominated Michael Petersen for Chair. There were no other nominations taken. *The Nomination of Michael Petersen as Chair for the Measure L Citizen Oversight Committee Motion Carried By Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain.*

Andy Andersen nominated Phil Salvatore for Vice Chair; Phil Salvatore nominated Scott Garver for Vice Chair. *Scott Garver received 2 votes Phil Salvatore received 1 vote, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain for the Measure L Citizen Oversight Committee.*

Our New Chair and Vice Chair are Michael Petersen and Scott Garver.

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Andy Andersen – accomplished a lot at this meeting. Thank you to the committee and to staff

Phil Salvatore – would like to mention the passing of Mr. Howard Auld. The Aulds have had a positive effect on the community and especially they had a positive effect on this Committee. They were here supporting this committee from the very beginning and help with getting the Measure passed. I would also like to continue my thanks to City staff for all their help.

Scott Garver – I have a great respect for the dais and what Mr. Speer has done for the City and the function that he plays as the City Manager and on the Measure L Committee. I support his work and what he continues to bring to both of these jobs.

Michael Petersen – Thank you to the Committee members for their support as I continue with my efforts with the final draft of the annual report.

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

Strand – On the next City Council Agenda you will see that we have the Code Enforcement Officer. I will be using Measure L Funds from the prior year. As you are well aware of Blight breeds crime and I really feel that I need this position to help with my staff and crime rates.

Speer –

1) More Money in Measure L in allocation in three different areas.

2) Staff is currently looking at TAB Funded projects and what has been approved by City Council.

3) Sunland had funding that disappeared twice. We will be going to City Council to have Willdan Engineering Inc. combine all the plans plus add a segment to a one construction bid document. We will then have a shelf ready project of Sunland Avenue from E Ridgecrest Blvd to Upjohn Avenue.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update and Discuss Final Report

- **Power Point Presentation**

NEXT MEETING:

January 27, 2014

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 7:25